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# **News Release**

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## 2019 Golden Leaf Awards Nominations Now Being Accepted

Awards Recognize Best Contributions to Durham's Appearance; Submit Online Until February 15

DURHAM, N.C. – Do you know of a Durham property that's outstanding for its design, preservation, curb appeal, or stewardship of the natural and built environment? Nominate it now for the 2019 Golden Leaf Awards.

The Durham City-County Appearance Commission and Keep Durham Beautiful are currently seeking property nominations to recognize new developments, buildings, and landscaping in Durham County that provide positive attributes to the community's built environment.

The award categories are Neighborhood Garden & Landscape; Hearth & Home; Adaptive Reuse–Old Building New Design; Small Development (under 12,000 sq. ft.); Large Development (over 12000 sq. ft.); and Keep Durham Beautiful. Later this spring after the nominations are in, residents will also be able to cast their vote for the People's Choice Award for the Durham property they like best.

Nominations can now be submitted at <a href="www.DurhamGoldenLeaf.com">www.DurhamGoldenLeaf.com</a> and are due by Friday, February 15. Any projects completed within the last five years that have not already received a Golden Leaf Award are eligible. Awards will be presented at a ceremony in April 2019.

For more information, visit <a href="www.DurhamGoldenLeaf.com">www.DurhamGoldenLeaf.com</a> or contact Senior Planner Kayla Seibel with the Durham City-County Planning Department at <a href="mailto:Kayla.Seibel@DurhamNC.gov">Kayla.Seibel@DurhamNC.gov</a> or (919) 560-4137, ext. 28271.

### **About the Durham City-County Appearance Commission**

The <u>Durham City-County Appearance Commission</u> is made up of 15 members, seven appointed by the <u>City Council</u> and eight appointed by the <u>Board of County Commissioners</u>. Its mission is to cultivate visual appeal and recognize the benefits of good design, which enhance quality of life for the residents of Durham City and County.

#### **About Keep Durham Beautiful**

<u>Keep Durham Beautiful</u> is a nonprofit, volunteer organization working in partnership with the <u>City of Durham General Services Department</u> and <u>Durham County</u> to encourage residents, businesses, and community organizations to protect the environment and enhance the appearance of Durham through cleanup events, beautification projects, waste reduction, and educational activities. To learn more, visit the <u>website</u> and follow on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>.